



Mission Statement

We as members of the Body of Christ, through our thoughts, words and deeds, celebrate the presence of God in all people. As a community of believers, we answer Christ's call to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless and love one another.
February 18, 2018
First Sunday in Lent

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WEEKEND CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Sat 4:00PM Immaculate Conception

Sat 5:30PM Holy Redeemer

Sun 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

Sun 9:00AM Holy Redeemer

Sun 10:30AM Immaculate Conception

WEEKDAY CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

7:30AM Immaculate Conception

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

5:30PM Immaculate Conception (during Lent)

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00PM - 3:30PM

Immaculate Conception

Monday 5:45-6:45PM

Immaculate conception (during Lent)

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays 9:00AM - 10:00AM

Holy Redeemer

Gluten Intolerant?

If you cannot tolerate gluten, please receive communion on the tabernacle side of the church and let the person distributing communion know you need gluten free.

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Readings/Responsorial #1017

Gathering: # 481

Offertory: #782

Communion: #493

Recessional: # 492

Weekly Collection

February 11, 2018

\$11,369.80

Ash Wednesday Collection

\$888.32

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Rectory Closed

Please note, in observance of President's Day, Monday, February 19th, the rectory office will be closed.

Second Collection This Weekend

This weekend at all masses we will take up a collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

Widespread Influenza Activity

Due to the widespread flu activity, the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are asked to observe the following precautions:

- If you are sick, you are not bound by the Sunday Mass obligation.
- When exchanging the Sign of Peace, do so without physical contact (i.e. shaking hands)-parishioners may still exchange nods, offer a verbal greeting, a smile or a simple bow of the head.

Lenten Soup & Scripture

All are welcome to join us as we gather to enjoy a simple meal of soup and sandwiches provided by volunteers in various ministries of our parish. Our guest speaker this week is Deacon Pete Smith. Members of the following ministries are asked to provide the soups and sandwiches for this Tuesday, February 20th. Thank you!!

Social Concerns/Finance Committee	Soup/set-up
Ushers/Liturgy/Holy Name Society	Sandwiches/clean-up

Stations of the Cross

On Friday evenings **February 16, March 2, 9, and 23 @ 6:00PM** in Immaculate Conception Church. We welcome families and/or individuals to participate in the Stations each week. If you wish to participate, contact Joyce at 570-654-2753 or jceccconi50@gmail.com.

Stations of the Cross for Children

Fridays, February 23rd and March 16th at 6:00PM @ Immaculate Conception Church. All children are welcome to participate. There are both reading and non reading parts. If your child wishes to participate contact:

Lisa Falzone 237-2739 lisa.falzone@ssa.gov

Sara Konopka 498-9304 skono1683@yahoo.com

Mary Ann Oliveri 357-1771 mare0912b@epix.net

The Light is on for You

In addition to our normal 3:00PM Saturday afternoon confessions, during Lent Msgr. Sempa will be in the confessional at Immaculate Conception Church on **Mondays February 19, 26, March 5, 12 from 5:45PM to 6:45PM and at Holy Redeemer Monday, March 19 from 6:00PM to 7:00PM**

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Saturday, February 24, 2018

10:00AM Holy Redeemer Church

Boys and girls and their families are asked to meet at Holy Redeemer Church next Saturday, February 24th at 10:00AM. The children and their families will have a seat assigned to them. Assisting Monsignor Sempa with First Reconciliation will be Father Alco and Father Arbo. Following the ceremony the children, their families and guests are invited to a brunch in the church hall.

Communal Baptisms

Our next Communal Baptism will be held on Sunday, March 18, 2018 at

11:30AM in Immaculate Conception Church. Monsignor Sempa will be the presider. Members of our Baptism Ministry will be on hand to greet families and on behalf of the parish present the newly baptized with the following gifts: A beautiful hand - crocheted baby afghan and a handmade bib personalized with the child's name and date of baptism. Both items are made with love from the members of our St. Clare Sewing Ministry. Each child also receives a hardcover book "My Baptism" a gift from our Holy Name Society and a personalized baptism candle. Our next Communal Baptism will be held on Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 11:30AM.

Youth Group Board Game Night

Our youth group will have "board game night" tonight, **Sunday, February 18th from 7:00PM to 9:00PM in Immaculate Conception hall.** All youth group members and their friends are invited!!

Car Show Meeting

All are welcome to join us for a car show planning meeting on **Tuesday, February 20th at 6:00PM** in the rectory.

St. Clare Sewing Ministry Meeting

Would you like to learn how to crochet or knit? Join us on **Wednesday, February 21st at 6:00PM** in the rectory. All are welcome!!

Social Concerns presents "A Taste Of Italy"

Join us for an evening of fine dining on **Saturday, March 10th** in Immaculate Conception Church hall. This BYOB event will feature authentic Italian cuisine and for your listening pleasure, divine Italian music. Our menu includes a garden salad with homemade Italian dressing, Italian bread, handmade pasta, homemade meatballs and Sunday sauce. For dessert homemade cannoli or ice cream sundaes. Soda, coffee and water is included. Donation is \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 children 12 years and under. Dinner will be served from 5:00PM to 8:00PM. Take-outs are available. Of course, children may have their pasta with or without sauce. Tickets are available at the rectory or after all masses beginning next weekend.

Easter Food and Children's Easter Basket Drive

During Lent, along with our food drive, our Social Concerns Committee conducts a drive seeking candy, treats and small toys suitable for filling Easter Baskets for children. If you can help, all donations may be left in the sacristies of the churches or at the rectory. If you or a family you know of is in need, and would like help for Easter, please contact Joyce at jcecconi50@gmail.com or 570-654-2753 or tell a member of Social Concerns. Thank you!!

Bazaar Meeting

It is that time of year again to begin preparations for our annual bazaar. All are welcome to join us for our first planning meeting on **Monday, March 26th at 6:00PM in the rectory.** All sub-committee chairs, who are willing to chair again this year are asked to attend this meeting. Mark your calendar, the bazaar is scheduled for **Thursday thru Saturday, June 21, 22, and 23, 2018** on the grounds of Immaculate Conception Church.

Deanery Road to Resurrection & Sunday Evening Prayer

This week Sunday Evening Prayer and Road to Resurrection will be held at Our Lady of the Eucharist in Pittston. Sunday Evening Prayer is tonight, February 18th at 5:00PM and Road to Resurrection Wednesday, Feb 21st at 7:00PM.

Jackpot Jingle Lottery Winners

2/8	No Winner	#844	\$50.00
2/9	No Winner	#282	\$50.00
2/10	L & B Hancock	#154	\$50.00
2/11	A. Parente Ruth	#575	\$100.00
2/12	Paula Brown	#830	\$50.00
2/13	Judy Krifka	#387	\$50.00
2/14	No Winner	#775	\$250.00
Special Drawing Winners:			
	2/8 DeStefano	\$50.00,	
	2/9 Tim Barrett	\$50.00,	
	2/14 Kathleen Cirelli	\$250.00	

Holy family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Anthony, Sam and Brittany Berto** is donated by their family.

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of the **Deceased Members of the Brown, Bishop, Serafin, and Pasternak Families** is donated by John and Maryellen Serafin.

SOS Save our Super Heroes

Remember our Super Heroes....Clark Kent (Superman), Bruce Wayne (Batman), Diana Prince (Wonder Woman) and Kara Zor-El (SuperGirl)!! They still need YOUR help to regain their special powers. Do a good deed each week during Lent, write it down on your paper, and when you come to mass place the paper in the container of your favorite Super Hero. **Boys and girls....You know Super Heroes help out without being asked so maybe we ALL can help out without being asked.....pick up your clothes, clean your room, walk the dog, etc.**

Girl Scout Cookies

Next weekend at all masses, you can show your support for the Girl Scouts by buying Girl Scout Cookies!!

Mass Intentions	
February 19 thru 26, 2018	
Mon	7:30AM Celia Musto Wolfe by cousins
	8:30AM Grace Eslick by Shovlin Family
	5:30PM Frances Bellanco by Sam & Karen Artiz & girls
Tues	7:30AM Angelo Schifano by Michael, Joann & Nico Stallone
	8:30AM Ronald Villano by Charlie Shadder & Fran
	5:30PM Nancy Katany by Mrs. Brian Powers
Wed	7:30AM Joseph DeLucca by Judy Sokach & family
	8:30AM Bernadine Pasternak by Bill Johnson
	5:30PM Mary Ann Yorina by mom and dad
Thurs	7:30AM Robert Anderson by Tina Hammil
	8:30AM David Carey, Sr. by Kimberly Girman Smulek
	5:30PM Dominic Aufiero by Mary Lou & Andy Holby
Fri	7:30AM Patricia Calpin by Joan Hennigan
	8:30AM Charles Godri by son, Ed & family
	5:30PM Roger Beatty By Tony & Geri Winsock
Sat	4:00PM Joseph Montante by sons and families
	5:30PM Carl Zekoski by Suzanne & Ray Saporito
Sun	7:30AM Doris Caruthers by children & grandchildren
	9:00AM Walter Repasky by Theresa Burke
	10:30AM Doris Sorick by Anita & Neil Allen